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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/816,713	Applicant(s) HU, SNOWER	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Terita (4,681,392).

Terita discloses a contact 20 comprising: a compliant section 29 defining a longitudinal axis, a plurality of slots (not numbered), and at least one rib 22, and comprising a pair of beams 24 surrounding the slots and the at least one rib, the slots extending along the axis, the at least one rib being located between two adjacent slots; and a first section 21 joined to the compliant section.

As to claim 2, the contact further comprising a second section 30, the compliant section connecting the second section and the first section.

As to claim 3, wherein the compliant section comprises a pair of slots and a rib, the slots being symmetric about the rib.

As to claim 4, wherein the rib extends along the axis.

Regarding claims 5 and 6, Terita in figures 5-8 also show that the thickness of rib 22 is greater than a thickness of each of the beams 24, and each of the beams has a convex outer surface.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Terita.

Terita also discloses a stamped contact part for use within an electrical connector, comprising: a compliant section 29 defining a longitudinal direction and including: a pair of slots spaced by a rib 22 and extending along said longitudinal direction and through said compliant sections in a thickness direction of said compliant section which is perpendicular to said longitudinal direction, each of said slots being located between said rib and one corresponding outer arc-like beam 24 in a transverse direction which is perpendicular to said longitudinal direction. It is noted that the dimension of said rib along said thickness direction is not larger than that of said arc-like beam along said thickness direction. However, it is submitted that said claimed dimension limitation is an obvious design of change in size (*In re Rose*, 105 USPQ 237) and is not critical to the stiffness of the contact. It is further noted that the thickness of the rib in the dimension perpendicular to said claimed thickness direction is already greater than a thickness of each of the beams (figures 5-8).

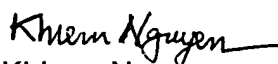
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Regarding claim 8, wherein said dimension of the rib is substantially equal to a thickness of a remainder of said contact part.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khiem Nguyen whose telephone number is 571 272-2096. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TC Patel can be reached on 571 272-2098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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